



Rotary

## The Oxford Hills Rotary Reader

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills  
PO Box 14  
Norway, ME 04268

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

**Our mission:** The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills is a diverse group of service-oriented men and women providing hands on and financial support within our community and beyond. We exemplify “Service Above Self” while encouraging high ethical standards, enjoying friendship and promoting world understanding, peace and good will.”

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### 2024-2025 Officers:

Rotary International President: Stephanie A. Urchick, Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania - District 7780  
Governor: Robert McKenzie, Rotary Club of Kennebunk, ME – Oxford Hills Rotary President – Beth Abbott  
– President-Elect: Jeff Noblin – Vice-president: Connor Burnam - Treasurer: Liz Knox – Secretary: John Griffith – Sgt. At Arms: Stan Brett – Past President: Beth Abbott – Club Service Chair: Bob Schott – Vocational Service Chair: Jeff Noblin - Community Service Chair: Beth Abbott - International Service Chair: Val Weston – Youth Service Chair and Interact Advisor: Tina Fox

### Home Club of PDG George Rice

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**Good Morning and Welcome!** Today is the 78th day of 2025. There are 287 days remaining in the year. This morning, Chelsea Lathrop from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, is our guest speaker. Curtis Cole is our greeter.

Program Chairs: Please let John know what your program is so it can be published in the Reader. You can text or call John at 207-461-7158 or e-mail at [griffs2@roadrunner.com](mailto:griffs2@roadrunner.com). Please remember that when you are program chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club paraphernalia.

### Calendar for March:

**26 – Connor Burnam and Connor Burnam. However, if Connor is okay with it, Katharine Perkins from the Westbrook-Gorham Club will be coming to talk to us about Rotary Youth Exchange.**

**26 – Charitable Foundation Quarterly meeting: 8:45 AM after our regular morning meeting.**

**31 – Board Meeting at the South Paris Town Office, 5:00 PM**

### Calendar for April:

**2 – Club Assembly and Val Weston**

**9 – April Students of the Month and Warren Spencer**

**16 – Mike Carter and Lynne Schott**

### April Cont'd:

23 – Curtis Cole and Bob Schott

30 – Tally Decato and Patty Rice

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

We did not have any visiting Rotarians last week. Our guests were the March Students of the Month and their parents.

### Rotary Moment:

Greeter Tina Fox talked about Interact and the OHCHS Winter Carnival. The students raised \$150.00 for polio with the Penny Race.

### Announcements:

President Beth gave us an update on May Day Play Day. She and Tina are meeting monthly with Community Concepts to review and update plans. The Touch - a -Truck event will be moving to the parking lot closest to the gym so that all the activities will be in the same area. We are still looking for books for the book room, so if anyone has any age-appropriate books they would like to donate, please talk to Beth. Monetary donations for new books also gratefully accepted.

Patty Rice gave us an update on PP George. He is making progress and is walking the halls at Norway Center with a walker. He has had tons of calls and visitors. Update: per Patty's e-mail on Thursday, George will be set free on Sunday and will be heading home.

PE Jeff Noblin told us that he had a great time at PELS in Framingham last week. He said it was a fantastic experience with wonderful, informative sessions. He ended up at a table, unintentionally, with Natalie Donais, Ron's daughter, who is the incoming president of her club in Connecticut. Ron also met the incoming RI president.

### Last Week:

President Beth –led us in the Pledge and 4-Way Test. Curtis Cole gave the blessing.

After breakfast, Beth turned the program over to Tina who talked about the Student of the Month program and explained the process to the students and parents. The student write-ups are at the end of the Reader.

### *Puns for the Week:*

A backwards poet writes inverse while a chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg but in the end, she broke it off.

**50/50** – Liz drew Curtis’s number but Curtis didn’t draw the King of Clubs. There was \$42 in the pot.

### 😊 *Happy and Sad Dollars* 😊

**Warren** had happy dollars for the great weather we’ve had lately.

**John** had happy dollars for Daylight Saving Time, yes, finally, but sad dollars for not being able to get his printer to work now that he has changed over to Fidium and for the idiot in the Mercedes that passed him and 2 other cars on the short stretch of road just past Minot Country store where the speed limit is 35.

**Tina** had thank-you dollars for the students and their parents but a sad dollar because parent-teacher conferences are on her birthday and she has a late appointment.

**Ron** had an apology dollar for coming in late. He forgot to set his alarm.

**Curtis** was happy Ron came even if he was late.

**Bob** updated the Winter Challenge. He is in 1<sup>st</sup> place. He was also happy that all 4 of his grandchildren went skiing with him on Saturday and Sunday.

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries:*

**March Birthdays:** Val Weston – 3/11; Tina Fox – 3/13; John Griffith – 3/21; David Knox – 3/24; Chris (Val) Weston – 3/25; Ann Marie (Stan) Brett – 3/31

**March Anniversaries:** None

**March Membership Anniversaries:** Dan Allen – 41 yrs. – 3/7; Bob Schott – 29 yrs. –

## **Make-Ups:**

**Bethel** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at the Bethel Inn Resort in the Terrace Area of Millbrook Tavern, 21 Broad St., Bethel  
[www.bethelrotary.org](http://www.bethelrotary.org)

**Bridgton-Lake Region** – Thursday, 7:15 AM at Bridgton Alliance Church, 368 Harrison Rd., Bridgton  
[www.lakeregionrotary.org](http://www.lakeregionrotary.org)

**Fryeburg** – Tuesday, 7:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Rt. 5, Fryeburg  
[www.fryeburgrotary.org](http://www.fryeburgrotary.org)

**River Valley** – Monday, 12:00 noon, at Hope Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 85 Lincoln Ave., Rumford  
[www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

**Interact** – Thursday, 2:15 PM, Room A210, Oxford Hills Comprehensive Hills High School during the school year only.

### **March Student of the Month 2025**

Responsible Citizenship & Resilient: students who give their time to benefit their school and community

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Luke Jenkins**

**Nominating Staff: Sarah Wielki**

Luke has overcome many challenges as a student to be successful in Programming and helping in Mr. Butner class. Luke often stops into the IT department and asks me if I need any help with anything. He is a great example of a student that is resilient and responsible citizen in this building. It is a joy to work with him.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Max Davis**

**Nominating Staff: Katie Kenney**

Max is always polite and kind in the lunchroom. I've seen him on multiple occasions talking to a quiet kid and bringing him into his group. He consistently treats the kitchen staff with respect and consideration. Through his responsible actions, he contributes to a positive lunch experience for both students and staff.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Atalie Campbell**

**Nominating Staff: Virginia Valdes**

She is always thinking of how to not hurt, offend others and silently without asking for recognition, benefits the community of the classroom by always being helpful without being condescending or expecting anything in return. She is working right now with two students as part of a trio to compete in the State SkillsUSA competition for promotion bulletin board. This project demands a lot of research, planning, writing, sketching, constructing, administration, accounting, documenting, and then presenting publicly. Attie has taken on the role of lead for this trio and never waives from continuing to work even if the other two students lack the same grit and work ethics she has. She is more determined to help move the students through it so they can win, instead of getting upset, pointing fingers, complaining etc. She continues onward respectfully with her teammates, helping them and making sure they are all part of the team in their success. That is a true leader who has compassion, patience, and can pull a team through in a positive and helpful way.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Darian Bodman**

**Nominating Staff: Anne Townsend**

Darian Bodman definitely exhibits responsibility and resilience in regard to her education. The following statement is an excerpt from a letter of recommendation I wrote for her. Darian shows maturity and determination beyond her high school years. She is deeply committed to her learning and has a strong desire to work hard to secure a future for herself. Darian's educational background is vastly different from many of her peers. She was homeschooled until Sophomore year when she moved to Oxford Hills. As a homeschooled student she did not experience the social part of school. Junior year as a student of OHCHS. Darian faced a steep learning curve coming to public school for the first time at 16 and had to chart her own path. Having fewer credit than her peers, with the support of the guidance department and her father, she worked out a plan where she worked on her core Sophomore classes part time, while also enrolled in her junior core classes. In addition, she completed her 4 elective credits in history and her world language requirement. Throughout this challenging course load, she earned straight A's in all her classes. Darian's guidance counselor said she is the only student she has worked with who has successfully completed 2 years in 1. Darian was resilient in her pursuit of educational success.